



***Sharing the Wealth of Advanced Placement
Education:
An Overview of the Arizona Department of Education
Advanced Placement Online Program***

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Session: 1:45 – 3:00 pm
Room: Mohave East

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Session Description:

This fall, the Arizona Department of Education began offering two online AP courses (Calculus and U.S. History) to students throughout the state of Arizona through Arizona's e-learning platform IDEAL (<https://www.ideal.azed.gov/>). One of the goals of this program is to provide schools throughout the state of Arizona equitable access to Advanced Placement instruction. In this session, we will discuss the benefits of enrollment in an Advanced Placement course for the high school students and review how the Arizona Department of Education is meeting the needs of school communities by offering Advanced Placement courses online through the ADE/IDEAL platform.

How the session addresses Innovation:

The Advanced Placement Online Program not only raises the level of academic rigor in the state of Arizona but also establishes a collaborative relationship between Education Technology and Advanced Placement at ADE focused on providing opportunities and resources for students to access, participate, and succeed in rigorous online coursework. The Advanced Placement Online program not only addresses the needs of schools to provide Advanced Placement instruction but also addresses the needs of the multiple intelligences of those students who perform better through online computer instruction and the desire for student choice when it comes to obtaining a fulfilling education that both has rigor and supports their extracurricular endeavors.

Presenter Information:

Erik M. Francis is program administrator/principal of the ADE's Advanced Placement Online program offered through the e-platform IDEAL. He is also an Education Program Specialist in the Office of English Language Acquisition Services. He has been an educator for thirteen years, working as a secondary English teacher and a secondary school administrator. Mr. Francis holds a Master's of Education in Education Leadership from Northern Arizona University and a Master's of Science in Film and Television Production and Management from the S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University. He earned his Bachelor's of Arts degree in Rhetoric and Communication and English from the State University of New York at Albany.

Session Materials

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